

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

April 3, 2009
1:15-2:00 pm

Advisory council members present: Jason Miller, Bob Worthington Jerry Keck, Don Judge, Dan Lee, Riley Johnson, Doug Buman, Bill Dahlgren, and Connie Welsh. Annette Hoffman gave her proxy to Riley Johnson. Jacquie Helt gave her proxy to Dan Lee.

Core team members present: Dustin de Yong, Diana Ferriter, George Kochman, Judy Bovington, Anne Wolfinger

Others present: Webb Brown, Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

- I. Bill Signings
Ceremonial signings of HB 283, HB 119, HB 138 and HB 204 are scheduled today for 2:00pm.
- II. Status of WorkSafeMT funding in Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) budget bill
The Senate Finance and Claims Committee is still considering HB 2 which contains three FTE and a one-time expenditure of \$1 million for WorkSafeMT. Committee discussions have moved past the section of the bill addressing these requests but work on the bill is not yet complete.
- III. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
Bill Dahlgren moved, Don Judge seconded that the LMAC request a stakeholder meeting with the House Business and Labor Committee to inform them of LMAC workplan activities in light of SJ 30 and SJ 33, without taking any position on either resolution. Riley and Dan voted their proxies. The motion carried unanimously. The Lt. Governor voted after the meeting. Jason will be the main contact and he will request a conference call to allow others to participate. The meeting will be subject to Montana's open meeting law provisions and will need to be noticed.

Jerry distributed a handout listing suggestions for study topics for the LMAC workplan.

- IV. WorkSafeMT Update
Time being limited, George reported that WorkSafeMT was doing fine.
- V. Public comment
There was no public comment.
- VI. Next Steps
The LMAC will review the suggestions for study topics for later discussion.
Jason will contact the House Business and Labor Committee as directed above.

There is no LMAC next Friday on Good Friday.

Next teleconference: Friday, April 17, 1:15p, Montana Room in the Governor's Office, State Capitol